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TAGS: PINT, ELAB, TU, US

SUBJ: SA BERNARD JOHNSON: POSSIBLE VISIT TO ISTANBUL

1. TURKISH NEWSPAPER CUMHURIYET ON JULY 30 REPORTS THAT ISTANBUL RPP PROVINCIAL LEADER IYTEKIN KOTIL HAS ISSUED INVITATION TO VISIT TURKEY TO STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL AGENT BERNARD JOHNSON, WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN ABORTING JULY 26 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST TURKISH OPPOSITION LEADER BULENT ECEVIT. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, JOHNSON AND SEVIM IYISOY (LATTER REPORTEDLY PUSHED AWAY INTENDING ASSASIN'S PISTOL) AND THEIR SPOUSES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ISTANBUL FOR ONE WEEK VISIT.

2. ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT GENEL-IS, A LABOR UNION AFFILIATED WITH LEFTIST DISK LABOR CONFEDERATION, HAS SENT SIMILAR INVITATION, LABOR UNION INVITATION UNDERSTANDABLE GIVEN DISK'S POLITICAL SUPPORT OF ECEVIT'S RPP. HOWEVER, DISK PRESIDENT KEMAL TURKLER IS REPORTED BY PRESS AS MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENT CLAIMING CIA AND AMERICAN IMPERIALISM WERE BEHIND ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION. ACCORDING TO MILLIYET NEWSPAPER TURKLER MADE SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS IN TELEGRAM TO ECEVIT EXPRESSING REGRET OVER INCIDENT AND GOOD WISHES.

3. CONSULATE GENERAL CONTACTS HAVE BEEN FULLSOME IN THEIR  
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PRAISE OF JOHNSON'S COURAGEOUS ACTION AND MEASURES US HAS

TAKEN TO PROTECT ECEVIT. WILL APPRECIATE BEING KEPT  
ADVISED ON JOHNSON INVITATIONS PARTICULARLY AS TO WHAT GROUPS  
ARE EXTENDING THEM.  
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